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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

19 ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH  
20 CENTER, INC. a non-profit California  
21 corporation,

22 Plaintiff,

23 v.

24 B.N.G. ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED, an  
25 Arizona Corporation, and FUSION  
26 FORMULATIONS, L.L.C., an Arizona  
27 Limited Liability Company,

28 Defendants.

CASE NO. RG15782403

**STIPULATED CONSENT  
JUDGMENT**

Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.*

Action Filed: August 18, 2015

Trial Date: None set

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 On August 18, 2015, Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. ("ERC"), a non-profit corporation, as a private enforcer, and in the public interest, initiated this action by filing a Complaint for Injunctive Relief and Civil Penalties (the "Complaint") pursuant to the provisions of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 *et seq.* ("Proposition 65"),

1 against B.N.G. ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED and FUSION FORMULATIONS, L.L.C.,  
2 (collectively "B.N.G. ENTERPRISES"). In this action, ERC alleges that a number of products  
3 manufactured, distributed or sold by B.N.G. ENTERPRISES contain lead, a chemical listed  
4 under Proposition 65 as a carcinogen and reproductive toxin, and expose consumers to this  
5 chemical at a level requiring a Proposition 65 warning. These products (referred to hereinafter  
6 individually as a "Covered Product" or collectively as "Covered Products") are:

- 7           • **BNG Enterprises Inc. Natural Treasures Horny Goat Weed**
- 8           • **BNG Enterprises Inc. Natural Treasures Miracle Breast**
- 9           • **BNG Enterprises Inc. Herbal Clean Simply Slender Master Cleanse**

10           1.2   ERC and B.N.G. ENTERPRISES are hereinafter referred to individually as a  
11 "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

12           1.3   ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes,  
13 helping safeguard the public from health hazards by reducing the use and misuse of hazardous  
14 and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and  
15 encouraging corporate responsibility.

16           1.4   For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the Parties agree that B.N.G.  
17 ENTERPRISES is a business entity that has employed ten or more persons at all times relevant to  
18 this action, and qualifies as a "person in the course of business" within the meaning of Proposition  
19 65. B.N.G. ENTERPRISES manufactures, distributes and sells the Covered Products.

20           1.5   The Complaint is based on allegations contained in ERC's Notice of Violation  
21 dated April 10, 2015, that was served on the California Attorney General, other public  
22 enforcers, and B.N.G. ENTERPRISES ("Notice"). A true and correct copy of the Notice is  
23 attached as Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated by reference. More than 60 days have passed  
24 since the Notice was mailed and uploaded to the Attorney General's website, and no designated  
25 governmental entity has filed a complaint against B.N.G. ENTERPRISES with regard to the  
26 Covered Products or the alleged violations.

27           1.6   ERC's Notice and Complaint allege that use of the Covered Products exposes  
28 persons in California to lead without first providing clear and reasonable warnings in violation

1 of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.6. B.N.G. ENTERPRISES denies all  
2 material allegations contained in the Notice and Complaint.

3 1.7 The Parties have entered into this Consent Judgment in order to settle,  
4 compromise and resolve disputed claims and thus avoid prolonged and costly litigation.  
5 Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall constitute or be construed as an admission by any of  
6 the Parties, or by any of their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents,  
7 parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, franchisees, licensees, customers, suppliers,  
8 distributors, wholesalers, or retailers. Except for the representations made above, nothing in  
9 this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, issue of  
10 law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment be construed as an  
11 admission by the Parties of any fact, issue of law, or violation of law, at any time, for any  
12 purpose.

13 1.8 Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall  
14 prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in any  
15 other or future legal proceeding unrelated to these proceedings.

16 1.9 The Effective Date of this Consent Judgment is the date on which it is entered as  
17 a Judgment by this Court.

18 **2. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

19 For purposes of this Consent Judgment and any further court action that may become  
20 necessary to enforce this Consent Judgment, the Parties stipulate that this Court has subject matter  
21 jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint, personal jurisdiction  
22 over B.N.G. ENTERPRISES as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is proper in  
23 Alameda County, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and  
24 final resolution of all claims up through and including the Effective Date which were or could  
25 have been asserted in this action based on the facts alleged in the Notice and Complaint.

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1     **3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, REFORMULATION, TESTING AND WARNINGS**

2           **3.1** Beginning on the Effective Date, B.N.G. ENTERPRISES shall be permanently  
3 enjoined from manufacturing for sale in the State of California, "Distributing into the State of  
4 California", or directly selling in the State of California, any Covered Product which exposes a  
5 person to a "Daily Lead Exposure Level" of more than 0.5 micrograms per day of lead when  
6 the maximum suggested dose is taken as directed on the Covered Product's label, unless it  
7 meets the warning requirements under Section 3.2.

8           **3.1.1** As used in this Consent Judgment, the term "Distributing into the State  
9 of California" shall mean to directly ship a Covered Product into California for sale in  
10 California or to sell a Covered Product to a distributor that B.N.G. ENTERPRISES knows will  
11 sell the Covered Product in California.

12           **3.1.2** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the "Daily Lead Exposure  
13 Level" shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula:  
14 micrograms of lead per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the  
15 product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings  
16 of the product per day (using the largest number of servings in a recommended dosage  
17 appearing on the product label), which equals micrograms of lead exposure per day.

18           **3.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings**

19           **3.2.1** If B.N.G. ENTERPRISES is required to provide a warning pursuant to  
20 Section 3.1, the following warning must be utilized:

21           **WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to**  
22           **cause [cancer and] birth defects or other reproductive harm.**

23 B.N.G. ENTERPRISES shall use the phrase "cancer and" in the warning only if the maximum  
24 daily dose recommended on the label contains more than 15 micrograms of lead as determined  
25 pursuant to the quality control methodology set forth in Section 3.4.

26           For non-internet sales, the warning shall be securely affixed to or printed upon the  
27 container or label of each Covered Product. For internet sales, B.N.G. ENTERPRISES will  
28 provide the warning on its website. The product page for each Covered Product will contain a

1 hyperlink to the warning. The hyperlink will read as follows: California Residents Proposition  
2 65 Warning. A warning will also be printed on the invoice accompanying any Covered Product  
3 shipped to a California address.

4 The hyperlink and the warning shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other  
5 health or safety warnings also appearing on its website or on the label or container of B.N.G.  
6 ENTERPRISES' product packaging and the word "WARNING" shall be in all capital letters and  
7 in bold print. No other statements about Proposition 65 or lead may accompany the warning.

8 B.N.G. ENTERPRISES must display the above warnings with such conspicuousness, as  
9 compared with other words, statements, or design of the website, label, or container to render the  
10 warning likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of  
11 purchase or use of the product. The hyperlink must be displayed on the product page with such  
12 conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements and/or design of the webpage to  
13 render the hyperlink likely to be seen by an ordinary user.

### 14 3.3 Reformulated Covered Products

15 A Reformulated Covered Product is one for which the Daily Lead Exposure Level when  
16 the maximum suggested dose is taken as directed on the Reformulated Covered Product's label,  
17 contains no more than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day as determined by the quality control  
18 methodology described in Section 3.4.

### 19 3.4 Testing and Quality Control Methodology

20 3.4.1 Beginning within one year of the Effective Date, B.N.G. ENTERPRISES  
21 shall arrange for lead testing of the Covered Products at least once a year for a minimum of five  
22 consecutive years by arranging for testing of three (3) randomly selected samples of each of the  
23 Covered Products, in the form intended for sale to the end-user, which B.N.G. ENTERPRISES  
24 intends to sell or is manufacturing for sale in California, directly selling to a consumer in  
25 California or "Distributing into California." The testing requirement does not apply to any of  
26 the Covered Products for which B.N.G. ENTERPRISES has provided the warning specified in  
27 Section 3.2. If tests conducted pursuant to this Section demonstrate that no warning is required  
28 for a Covered Product during each of five consecutive years, then the testing requirements of

1 this Section will no longer be required as to that Covered Product. However, if during or after  
2 the five-year testing period, B.N.G. ENTERPRISES changes ingredient suppliers for any of the  
3 Covered Products and/or reformulates any of the Covered Products, B.N.G. ENTERPRISES  
4 shall test that Covered Product annually for at least four (4) consecutive years after such change  
5 is made.

6           3.4.2 For purposes of measuring the "Daily Lead Exposure Level", the second  
7 highest lead detection result of the three (3) randomly selected samples of the Covered Products  
8 will be controlling.

9           3.4.3 All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed using a  
10 laboratory method that complies with the performance and quality control factors appropriate  
11 for the method used, including limit of detection, qualification, accuracy, and precision that  
12 meets the following criteria: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry ("ICP-MS")  
13 achieving a limit of quantification of less than or equal to 0.010 mg/kg or any other testing  
14 method subsequently agreed to in writing by the Parties.

15           3.4.4 All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed by an  
16 independent third party laboratory certified by the California Environmental Laboratory  
17 Accreditation Program or an independent third-party laboratory that is registered with the  
18 United States Food & Drug Administration.

19           3.4.5 Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall limit B.N.G. ENTERPRISES'  
20 ability to conduct, or require that others conduct, additional testing of the Covered Products,  
21 including the raw materials used in their manufacture.

22           3.4.6 Beginning on the Effective Date and continuing for a period of five  
23 years, B.N.G. ENTERPRISES shall retain all test results and documentation for a period of five  
24 years from the date of each test.

#### 25    4.    **SETTLEMENT PAYMENT**

26           4.1 In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, payment in lieu of civil  
27 penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, B.N.G. ENTERPRISES shall make a total payment of  
28 \$71,000.00 ("Total Settlement Amount") to ERC within 10 business days of the Effective Date.

1 B.N.G. ENTERPRISES shall make this payment by wire transfer to ERC's escrow account, for  
2 which ERC will give B.N.G. ENTERPRISES the necessary account information. The Total  
3 Settlement Amount shall be apportioned as follows:

4 4.2 \$24,054.00 shall be considered a civil penalty pursuant to California Health and  
5 Safety Code §25249.7(b)(1). ERC shall remit 75% (\$18,040.50) of the civil penalty to the  
6 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") for deposit in the Safe  
7 Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund in accordance with California Health and Safety  
8 Code §25249.12(c). ERC will retain the remaining 25% (\$6,013.50) of the civil penalty.

9 4.3 \$999.25 shall be distributed to ERC as reimbursement to ERC for reasonable  
10 costs incurred in bringing this action.

11 4.4 \$18,150.75 shall be distributed to ERC in lieu of further civil penalties, for the  
12 day-to-day business activities such as (1) continued enforcement of Proposition 65, which  
13 includes work, analyzing, researching and testing consumer products that may contain  
14 Proposition 65 chemicals, focusing on the same or similar type of ingestible products that are  
15 the subject matter of the current action; (2) the continued monitoring of past consent judgments  
16 and settlements to ensure companies are in compliance with Proposition 65; and (3) giving a  
17 donation of \$907 to As You Sow to address reducing toxic chemical exposures in California.

18 4.5 \$16,158.91 shall be distributed to the Law Office of Richard M. Franco as  
19 reimbursement of ERC's attorney's fees and expenses, while \$11,637.09 shall be distributed to  
20 ERC for its in-house legal fees.

21 **5. MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT**

22 5.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified only (i) by written stipulation of the  
23 Parties or pursuant to Section 5.4 and (ii) upon entry by the Court of a modified consent  
24 judgment.

25 5.2 If B.N.G. ENTERPRISES seeks to modify this Consent Judgment under Section  
26 5.1, then B.N.G. ENTERPRISES must provide written notice to ERC of its intent ("Notice of  
27 Intent"). If ERC seeks to meet and confer regarding the proposed modification in the Notice of  
28 Intent, then ERC must provide written notice to B.N.G. ENTERPRISES within thirty days of

1 receiving the Notice of Intent. If ERC notifies B.N.G. ENTERPRISES in a timely manner of  
2 ERC's intent to meet and confer, then the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith as  
3 required in this Section. The Parties shall meet in person or via telephone within thirty (30)  
4 days of ERC's notification of its intent to meet and confer. Within thirty (30) days of such  
5 meeting, if ERC disputes the proposed modification, ERC shall provide to B.N.G.  
6 ENTERPRISES a written basis for its position. The Parties shall continue to meet and confer  
7 for an additional thirty (30) days in an effort to resolve any remaining disputes. Should it  
8 become necessary, the Parties may agree in writing to different deadlines for the meet-and-  
9 confer period.

10       5.3 In the event that B.N.G. ENTERPRISES initiates or otherwise requests a  
11 modification under Section 5.1, and the meet and confer process leads to a joint motion or  
12 application of the Consent Judgment, B.N.G. ENTERPRISES shall reimburse ERC its costs  
13 and reasonable attorney's fees for the time spent in the meet-and-confer process and filing and  
14 arguing the motion or application.

15       5.4 Where the meet-and-confer process does not lead to a joint motion or  
16 application in support of a modification of the Consent Judgment, then either Party may seek  
17 judicial relief on its own. In such a situation, the prevailing Party may seek to recover costs  
18 and reasonable attorney's fees. As used in the preceding sentence, the term "prevailing party"  
19 means a party who is successful in obtaining relief more favorable to it than the relief that the  
20 other party was amenable to providing during the Parties' good faith attempt to resolve the  
21 dispute that is the subject of the modification.

22       **6. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION, ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT**  
23       **JUDGMENT**

24       6.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce, modify or terminate  
25 this Consent Judgment.

26       6.2 If ERC alleges that any Covered Product fails to qualify as a Reformulated  
27 Covered Product (for which ERC alleges that no warning has been provided), then ERC shall  
28 inform B.N.G. ENTERPRISES in a reasonably prompt manner of its test results, including

1 information sufficient to permit B.N.G. ENTERPRISES to identify the Covered Products at  
2 issue. B.N.G. ENTERPRISES shall, within thirty (30) days following such notice, provide  
3 ERC with testing information, from an independent third-party laboratory meeting the  
4 requirements of Sections 3.4.3 and 3.4.4, demonstrating B.N.G. ENTERPRISES' compliance  
5 with the Consent Judgment, if warranted. The Parties shall first attempt to resolve the matter  
6 prior to ERC taking any further legal action.

7 **7. APPLICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT**

8 This Consent Judgment may apply to, be binding upon, and benefit the Parties and their  
9 respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries,  
10 divisions, affiliates, franchisees, licensees, customers (excluding private labelers), distributors,  
11 wholesalers, retailers, predecessors, successors, and assigns. This Consent Judgment shall have no  
12 application to Covered Products which are distributed or sold exclusively outside the State of  
13 California and which are not used by California consumers.

14 **8. BINDING EFFECT, CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED**

15 8.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between ERC, on  
16 behalf of itself and in the public interest, and B.N.G. ENTERPRISES and its respective officers,  
17 directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates,  
18 suppliers, franchisees, licensees, customers (not including private label customers of B.N.G.  
19 ENTERPRISES), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and all other upstream and downstream  
20 entities in the distribution chain of any Covered Product, and the predecessors, successors and  
21 assigns of any of them (collectively, "Released Parties"), from any and all claims, actions,  
22 causes of action, suits, demands, liabilities, damages, penalties, fees, costs and expenses  
23 asserted, or that could have been asserted from the handling, use, or consumption of the  
24 Covered Products, as to any alleged violation of Proposition 65 or its implementing regulations  
25 arising from the failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings on the Covered Products regarding  
26 lead up to and including the Effective Date.

27 8.2 ERC on its own behalf only, on one hand, and B.N.G. ENTERPRISES on its  
28 own behalf only, on the other, further waive and release any and all claims they may have

1 against each other for all actions or statements made or undertaken in the course of seeking or  
2 opposing enforcement of Proposition 65 in connection with the Notice or Complaint up through  
3 and including the Effective Date, provided, however, that nothing in Section 8 shall affect or  
4 limit any Party's right to seek to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment.

5       8.3     ERC on its own behalf only represents, warrants, and covenants that it will not  
6 pursue any statutory or common law claims that it may have with respect to the Covered  
7 Products manufactured, distributed or sold by B.N.G. ENTERPRISES up through the Effective  
8 Date. ERC further represents and warrants that, as of the date of the execution of this Consent  
9 Judgment, it has no knowledge or information regarding any other alleged violation of  
10 Proposition 65 by B.N.G. ENTERPRISES.

11       8.4     It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties arising out of the facts  
12 alleged in the Notice or the Complaint and relating to the Covered Products will develop or be  
13 discovered. ERC on behalf of itself only, on one hand, and B.N.G. ENTERPRISES, on the  
14 other hand, acknowledge that this Consent Judgment is expressly intended to cover and include  
15 all such claims up through the Effective Date, including all rights of action therefore. ERC and  
16 B.N.G. ENTERPRISES acknowledge that the claims released in Sections 8.1 and 8.2 above  
17 may include unknown claims, and nevertheless waive California Civil Code section 1542 as to  
18 any such unknown claims. California Civil Code section 1542 reads as follows:

19             A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE  
20             CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER  
21             FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF  
22             KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS  
23             OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

24     ERC on behalf of itself only, on the one hand, and B.N.G. ENTERPRISES, on the other hand,  
25 acknowledge and understand the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of  
26 California Civil Code section 1542.

27       8.5     Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed to  
28 constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by any releasee regarding alleged exposures to lead  
in the Covered Products as set forth in the Notice and the Complaint.

1           8.6    Nothing in this Consent Judgment is intended to apply to any occupational or  
2 environmental exposures arising under Proposition 65, nor shall it apply to any of B.N.G.  
3 ENTERPRISES' products other than the Covered Products.

4           **9.    SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS**

5           In the event that any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment are held by a court to be  
6 unenforceable, the validity of the remaining enforceable provisions shall not be adversely affected.

7           **10.   GOVERNING LAW**

8           The terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by and construed in  
9 accordance with the laws of the State of California.

10          **11.   PROVISION OF NOTICE**

11          All notices required to be given to either Party to this Consent Judgment by the other shall  
12 be in writing and sent to the following agents listed below via first-class mail. Courtesy copies via  
13 email may also be sent.

14          **FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, INC.:**

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9 **12. COURT APPROVAL**

10 **12.1** Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by the Parties, ERC shall notice a  
11 Motion for Court Approval. The Parties shall use their best efforts to support entry of this  
12 Consent Judgment.

13 **12.2** If the California Attorney General objects to any term in this Consent Judgment,  
14 the Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner, and if possible  
15 prior to the hearing on the motion.

16 **12.3** If this Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court, it shall be void and have  
17 no force or effect.

18 **13. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS**

19 This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall be  
20 deemed to constitute one document. A facsimile or .pdf signature shall be construed as valid as  
21 the original signature.

22 **14. DRAFTING**

23 The terms of this Consent Judgment have been reviewed by the respective counsel for each  
24 Party prior to its signing, and each Party has had an opportunity to fully discuss the terms and  
25 conditions with legal counsel. The Parties agree that, in any subsequent interpretation and  
26 construction of this Consent Judgment, no inference, assumption, or presumption shall be drawn,  
27 and no provision of this Consent Judgment shall be construed against any Party, based on the fact  
28 that one of the Parties and/or one of the Parties' legal counsel prepared and/or drafted all or any  
portion of the Consent Judgment. It is conclusively presumed that all of the Parties participated  
equally in the preparation and drafting of this Consent Judgment.

1     **15. GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES**

2             If a dispute arises with respect to either Party's compliance with the terms of this Consent  
3 Judgment entered by the Court, the Parties shall meet in person or by telephone and endeavor to  
4 resolve the dispute in an amicable manner. No action or motion may be filed in the absence of  
5 such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute beforehand. In the event an action or motion is  
6 filed, however, the prevailing party may seek to recover costs and reasonable attorney's fees. As  
7 used in the preceding sentence, the term "prevailing party" means a party who is successful in  
8 obtaining relief more favorable to it than the relief that the other party was amenable to providing  
9 during the Parties' good faith attempt to resolve the dispute that is the subject of such enforcement  
10 action.

11     **16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZATION**

12             **16.1** This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and  
13 understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter herein, and any and all  
14 prior discussions, negotiations, commitments and understandings related hereto. No  
15 representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have  
16 been made by any Party. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, unless specifically referred to  
17 herein, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any Party.

18             **16.2** Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully  
19 authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment. Except as  
20 explicitly provided herein, each Party shall bear its own fees and costs.

21     **17. REQUEST FOR FINDINGS, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF**  
22             **CONSENT JUDGMENT**

23 This Consent Judgment has come before the Court upon the request of the Parties. The Parties  
24 request the Court to fully review this Consent Judgment and, being fully informed regarding the  
25 matters which are the subject of this action, to make the findings pursuant to California Health and  
26 Safety Code section 25249.7(f)(4), approve the Settlement, and approve this Consent Judgment.

1 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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3 Dated: 5/4, 2016

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14 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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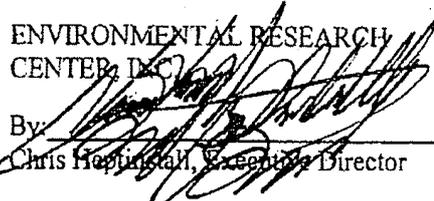
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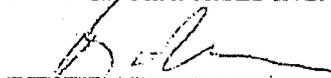
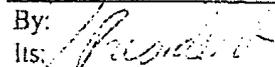
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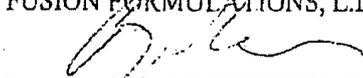
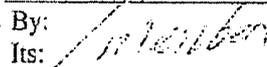
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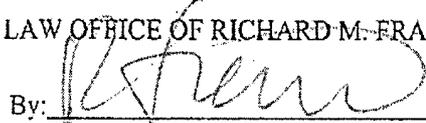
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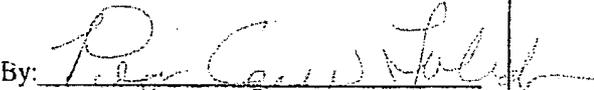
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ORDER AND JUDGMENT

Based upon the Parties' Stipulation, and good cause appearing, this Consent Judgment is approved and Judgment is hereby entered according to its terms.

IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

Dated: June 29, 2016

Harold Y. Smitz  
Judge of the Superior Court

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District Attorneys of All California Counties  
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(See Attached Certificate of Service)

**VIA ONLINE SUBMISSION**

Office of the California Attorney General

**Re: Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.**

April 10, 2015

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Dear Addressees:

I represent the Environmental Research Center, Inc. ("ERC") in connection with this Notice of Violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, which is codified at California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.* and also referred to as Proposition 65.

ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

The names of the Companies covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violators") are:

**B.N.G. Enterprises Incorporated  
Fusion Formulations, L.L.C.**

The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

**BNG Enterprises Inc. Natural Treasures Horny Goat Weed - Lead  
BNG Enterprises Inc. Natural Treasures Miracle Breast - Lead  
BNG Enterprises Inc. Herbal Clean Simply Slender Master Cleanse - Lead**

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer.

This letter is a notice to each of the Violators and the appropriate governmental authorities of the Proposition 65 violations concerning the listed products. This notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 involving the Violators currently known to ERC from the information now available. ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations. A summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is enclosed with the copy of this letter to each of the Violators.

Each of the Violators has manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the listed products, which have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemical, lead. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and/or recommended use of these products by consumers. The primary route of exposure to lead has been through ingestion, but may have also occurred through inhalation and/or dermal contact. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to lead. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. Each of the Violators violated Proposition 65

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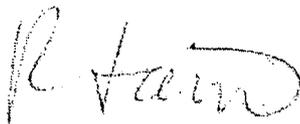
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because they failed to provide an appropriate warning to persons using and/or handling these products that they are being exposed to lead. Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day since April 10, 2012, as well as every day since the products were introduced in the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users.

Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a citizen enforcement action sixty days after effective service of this notice unless each of the Violators agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) reformulate the listed products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemical; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and my client's objectives in pursuing this notice, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution to this matter. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemical and expensive and time consuming litigation.

ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall, and is located at 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. 619-500-3090. ERC has retained me in connection with this matter. We suggest that communications regarding this Notice of Violations should be directed to my attention at the above listed law office address and telephone number.

Sincerely,



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Rick Franco

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to B.N.G. Enterprises Incorporated, Fusion Formulations, L.L.C. and their Registered Agents for Service of Process only)

Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations  
by B.N.G. Enterprises Incorporated and Fusion Formulations, L.L.C.**

I, Rick Franco, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the notice.
4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged Violators will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: April 10, 2015

  
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Rick Franco

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

On April 10, 2015, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY"** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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On April 10, 2015, I verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)(1)** were served on the following party when a true and correct copy thereof was uploaded on the California Attorney General's website, which can be accessed at <https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice> :

Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.*

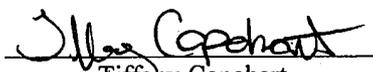
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Office of the California Attorney General  
Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000  
Oakland, CA 94612-0550

On April 10, 2015, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties **on the Service List attached hereto**, and depositing it with the U.S. Postal Service with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Priority Mail.

Executed on April 10, 2015, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

  
Tiffany Capehart

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## APPENDIX A

### OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. The reader is directed to the statute and OEHHA's implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information.

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

Proposition 65 appears in California law as Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13. The statute is available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65law72003.html>. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 25102 through 27001.<sup>1</sup> These implementing regulations are available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html>.

#### *WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?*

***The "Governor's List."*** Proposition 65 requires the Governor to publish a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. This means that chemicals are placed on the Proposition 65 list if they are known to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, such as

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<sup>1</sup> All further regulatory references are to sections of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations unless otherwise indicated. The statute, regulations and relevant case law are available on the OEHHA website at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>.

damage to female or male reproductive systems or to the developing fetus. This list must be updated at least once a year. The current Proposition 65 list of chemicals is available on the OEHHA website at:

[http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65\\_list/Newlist.html](http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65_list/Newlist.html).

Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under this law. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

***Clear and reasonable warnings.*** A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies; for example, when exposures are sufficiently low (see below). The warning given must be "clear and reasonable." This means that the warning must: (1) clearly make known that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

***Prohibition from discharges into drinking water.*** A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

#### ***DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?***

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

***Grace Period.*** Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical.

***Governmental agencies and public water utilities.*** All agencies of the federal, state or local government, as well as entities operating public water systems, are exempt.

***Businesses with nine or fewer employees.*** Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employs a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

**Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer.** For chemicals that are listed as known to the State to cause cancer ("carcinogens"), a warning is not required if the business can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "No Significant Risk Levels" (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html> for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 *et seq.* of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

**Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question.** For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the "no observable effect level" divided by a 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html> for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 *et seq.* of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

**Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in a Food.** Certain exposures to chemicals that occur in foods naturally (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant<sup>2</sup> it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501.

**Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering into any source of drinking water.** The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the "no observable effect" level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

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<sup>2</sup> See Section 25501(a)(4)

## *HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?*

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of the regulations and in Title 11, sections 3100-3103. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

## *FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS...*

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at [P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov](mailto:P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov).

Revised: July, 2012

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 25249.12, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25249.5, 25249.6, 25249.9, 25249.10 and 25249.11, Health and Safety Code.